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SUBJECT: FIRE AT NATIONAL PALACE ARMORY

I SHOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD WITH A COMMENDATION OF THE GUANTANAMO BAY FIRE-FIGHTING PARTY WHOSE NAMES ARE LISTED BELOW:

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2. THESE OFFICERS AND MEN DEMONSTRATED AN OUTSTANDING LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IN ASSISTING THE HAITIAN MILITARY FORCES IN FIGHTING A MAJOR FIRE IN A NATIONAL PALACE MAGAZINE ON JULY 23. THEY ALSO ACTED WITHOUT REGARD FOR THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY IN FIGHTING THE FIRE IN AN AREA UNCLASSIFIED

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IN WHICH A LARGE VARIETY OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE HAD BEEN STORED AND EXPOSED TO INTENSE HEAT OVER A PERIOD OF HOURS. THEY DISPLAYED A HIGH LEVEL OF COURTESY, TACT, AND COMMON SENSE IN COOPERATING WITH THE HAITIAN AUTHORITIES

WHO HAD JURISDICTION OVER THE AREA WHERE THE FIRE TOOK PLACE.

3. WE WILL HAVE A SEPARATE COMMENDATION COVERING EOD OPERATIONS AFTER THE FIRE.  $\label{eq:corcoran}$ 

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